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Before the  
**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of

Applications of WorldCom, Inc. and MCI  
Communications Corporation for Transfer  
of Control of MCI Communications  
Corporation to WorldCom

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CC Docket No. 97-211

**JOINT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

On June 3, 1998, MCI and WorldCom submitted an ex parte filing describing an agreement that MCI had reached with Cable & Wireless, Inc. (C&W) for the sale of MCI's Internet backbone business after receipt of regulatory approvals of MCI and WorldCom's pending merger. On June 4, 1998, the Commission, by public notice, sought comment on the ex parte from interested parties. Comments were filed June 11, 1998 and reply comments are scheduled to be filed June 16, 1998. Pursuant to Section 1.46 of the Commission's rules, MCI and WorldCom (hereinafter "Applicants") request that the Commission extend the time to file replies.<sup>1</sup> MCI and WorldCom seek a short extension of time until a date no later than July 15, 1998, to file reply comments.

MCI and WorldCom have publicly stated that the companies are in continuing discussions with the Department of Justice and European Commission (hereinafter "antitrust authorities") concerning the pending merger, including MCI's proposal to divest its Internet backbone assets to C&W. In light of these ongoing discussions, Applicants request a short delay for the filing of reply comments concerning MCI's announced plans to divest its Internet

<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. Section 1.46. Pursuant to this rule, MCI and WorldCom are orally notifying parties of record of this request, simultaneous with the filing of this Motion.

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backbone business. This brief delay, not to exceed twenty nine (29) days at maximum, will allow Applicants to provide to the Commission the conclusion of the antitrust review process and how that resolution answers the Internet backbone arguments raised by opponents. It would be an inefficient use of Commission resources to review a reply comment that, should the proposed divestiture be modified in any way, fails to reflect the outcome of review by the relevant antitrust authorities.

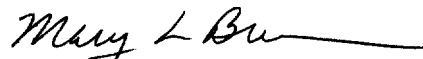
Applicants are prepared to file reply comments sooner than the July 15, 1998, date if it is appropriate and practical to do so.

This is the first extension of time that Applicants have sought in this proceeding. The short delay should assist the Commission's review of the merger by ensuring that the Commission has the most current information in its record. For that reason, Applicants believe that deferring the reply comments should result in the expeditious conclusion of the Commission's review of the merger once approval is received from the antitrust authorities.

No interested party is prejudiced by this brief delay in the filing date of our response. Accordingly, MCI and WorldCom jointly request a brief extension of time to file reply comments on MCI's plans to divest its Internet backbone business to a date no later than July 15, 1998.

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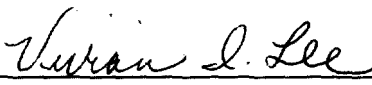
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